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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**
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10 SHAYON ASCARIE, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE
14 COMPANY,

15 Defendant.
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Case No. 12-cv-01572 JSW (NC)

**MINUTE ORDER ON
DISCOVERY LETTER BRIEF**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 41, 41-1

17 The Court GRANTS the stipulated protective order, Dkt. No. 41. The Court also
18 GRANTS the parties' proposed deposition schedule. The Court DENIES the joint
19 request that counsel be excused from conferring in person over any future discovery
20 disputes. The Court notes that counsel will be present together for numerous depositions
21 in the coming months. These depositions present an opportunity for direct
22 communication without any additional burden.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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25 DATED: October 17, 2012

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27 NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
28 United States Magistrate Judge